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*Response and Amendment*

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Hon. Commissioner,

In response to the office action mailed January 2, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and related remarks.

*In the Claims*

- 1 1. (Amended) A system for providing the transfer of and the controlled access to [an] a version of an object and other associated information a file by a plurality of users comprising:
  - 3 a database for storing an object and associated information, the object comprising
  - 4 distinguishable groups of data, each group of data having associated access criteria for access to
  - 5 the groups of data;